

REMARKS

SPECIFICATION

The specification is objected to because it did not provide a Cross Reference To Related Applications.

The specification is amended to include the Cross Reference Section.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 4 is objected to.

Claim 4 is cancelled.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 7,8, 11-13 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen (U.S. Patent Number 4127053) in view of Bartholomae (U.S. Patent Number 0976718).

Examiner has indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 6 depends directly on claim 1. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 6. Claim 1 is therefore proposed to be in a condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, now amended and proposed to be allowable and therefore dependent claims 2 and 3 are proposed to be in a condition for allowance as well which action is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 is cancelled.

Claim 5 is dependent on amended claim 1 and is proposed to be in allowable for the reasons discussed above which action is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 is cancelled.

Claims 7-20 are dependent, either directly or indirectly, from amended claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 7-20 are patentable for the same reasons as amended claim 1 above, as well as because

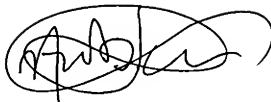
of the combination of the limitations set forth in these claims with the limitations set forth in amended claim 1 from which they depend.

The Examiner has indicated that in addition to claim 6, claims 9, 10 and 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9, 10 and 14-16 are dependent, either directly or indirectly, from amended claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for the same reasons as amended claim 1 above, as well as because of the combination of the limitations set forth in these claims with the limitations set forth in amended claim 1 from which it depends.

In view of the foregoing, this application is now believed to be in condition of allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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